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Park and ride to OU from three venues

With University of Oklahoma commuters in mind, OU Parking and Transportation Services has established two new park-and-ride lots in Norman. Thanks to Sooner Mall and Bethel Baptist Church, commuters may park free in these lots and ride the CART bus to campus.

CART (Cleveland Area Rapid Transit) is the public transit system of OU and the City of Norman. Established in 1980 as a way to combat parking woes on the OU campus, CART still is fulfilling that mission. All OU faculty, staff and students ride CART's Norman routes fare-free.

"We've lost more than 650 spaces to construction on the residential colleges and our new garage," said Doug Myers, director of OU Parking and Transportation Services. "We are so grateful to Sooner Mall and the Bethel church for allowing us to expand parking options this year."

Construction already has begun on the residential colleges, and utility work has begun on the parking facility. The residential colleges will be along Lindsey Street and the parking facility will be along Jenkins Avenue, just behind the Huston Huffman Fitness Center. Both the residential colleges and Jenkins Avenue Parking Facility are slated to be completed in 2017.

A third park-and-ride lot is located at the Lloyd Noble Center. Students who park at the LNC can expect to get to main campus in about 10 minutes. During peak class times, four buses operate on the LNC Shuttle.

Sooner Mall at 3301 W. Main St. is on CART's Main Street (10) route. Commuters should park on the north side of the mall and catch the bus at Stop 19, River Oaks/Cotswold. CART picks up passengers every 30 minutes at this stop. For example, a student may catch the bus at 7:20 a.m. and get off at Campus Corner at 7:40 a.m.

Bethel Baptist Church is allowing free parking in its annex lot at 1132 McGee Drive. Stop 57 at McGee/Lindsey is served by the Lindsey West route (12). Students boarding at Stop 57 can expect to be at the South Oval on the OU campus in six minutes.

“There will not be parking space for every student on main campus. If a student has difficulty finding parking after purchasing a permit, the permit may be returned for a full refund during the first two weeks of school,” Myers said.

“If everyone will bear with us, we will have a brand spanking new 1,221-space garage soon.”

For more information on CART or its routes, download the new app. Search “CART Norman” in the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Information also is available by phone, (405) 325-2278, at rideCART.com, CARTgps.com or email rideCART@ou.edu.



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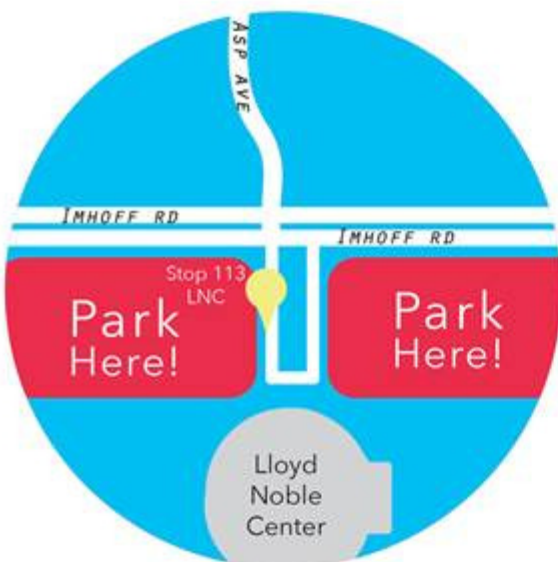
SOONER MALL, NORMAN 3301 West Main Street

- park on the north side of the mall and board Main Street (10) at Stop 19
- bus serves Stop 19 from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. – at :20 after the hour – and at :20 and :50 after from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- show OU ID when boarding
- get to campus in 20 minutes!



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LLOYD NOBLE CENTER 2900 Jenkins Avenue

- park in the lots on the north side for convenient access to the stop
- located just south of OU campus
- shuttles run every 10 minutes from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and every 20 minutes from 6 to 9 p.m.



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